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Letter dated 13 August 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing with regard to the latest flagrant violations of the ceasefire regime on the line of contact between the defence army of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and the Azerbaijani armed forces.

As is evident from the information set forth in the list of ceasefire violations attached to the present letter (see annex), there is a continuous effort from the Azerbaijani side to destabilize the situation in the region. The pre-planned provocations on the line of contact this summer were examples of Azerbaijan's insistence on seeking forceful ways to deal with the Nagorno Karabakh issue.

On the night of 18-19 June 2010, a special military unit of the Azerbaijani army crossed the line of contact and penetrated into the Mardakert district of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. This deliberate provocation by the Azeri side took place hours after the high-level trilateral meeting among the Presidents of Armenia, the Russian Federation and Azerbaijan, held on 17 June 2010 in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, and left four soldiers of the defence army of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic dead and four wounded.

This attack by the Azerbaijani armed forces is in complete violation of the principles and norms of international law, including the main principles of the United Nations Charter. This provocative act "can only be seen as an attempt to damage the peace process", as was noted in the 21 June statement of the Co-Chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group — France, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

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Such behaviour by Azerbaijan is a serious threat to the peace and stability in the region. It is a violation of the 1994 ceasefire agreement between Azerbaijan, Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia and is contrary to the stated commitment to refrain from the use of force or the threat of the use of force.

Armenia strongly condemns the use of force by Azerbaijan. Belligerent provocations in this fragile security environment may have unforeseen consequences, and, therefore, the international community should resolutely condemn the continued provocations and escalation of tension by Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 13, 14 and 18, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 13 August 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 July to 2 August 2010

N	(Direction)	Date, time	Firing	
			From Azerbaijani side	
			Type of weapon	Ammunition
1	Laligyugh	04.07.10 01.00	Firearm	14
2	Berqaber	04.07.10 22.30	RPK	10
3	Barekamavan	04.07.10 23.20	Firearm	3
4	Voskepar	05.07.10 24.00	Firearm	2
5	Bardzruni	05.07.10 22.30	SVD	9
6	Verin Karmirakhbyur	06.07.10 10.30	Firearm	5
7	Movses	06.07.10 11.50	Firearm	1
8	Vazashen	06.07.10 22.55	SVD	2
9	Koti	08.07.10 12.15	SVD	6
10	Barekamavan	08.07.10 23.45	Firearm	1
11	Berqavan	09.07.10 00.40	Firearm	1
12	Dovegh	09.07.10 03.00	Firearm	3
13	Aygepar	08.07.10 23.25	Firearm	3
14	Dovegh	09.07.10 17.10	Firearm	2
15	Voskepar	09.07.10 21.50	SVD	3
16	Chinari	09.07.10 22.00	SVD	1
17	Paravaqar	10.07.10 20.20	Firearm	100
18	Paravaqar	10.07.10 22.05	Firearm	1
19	Paravaqar	10.07.10 22.25	Firearm	4
20	Paravaqar	10.07.10 23.10	Firearm	4
21	Aygepar	11.07.10 03.45	Firearm	5
22	Aygepar	11.07.10 03.45	Firearm	2
23	Dovegh	11.07.10 02.40	Firearm	10
24	Shavarshavan	11.07.10 22.05	Firearm	9
25	Dovegh	12.07.10 00.45-01.30	PK	100
26	Shavarshavan	12.07.10 01.15	Firearm	9
27	Movses	11.07.10 21.55	Firearm	2

28.	Paravaqar	12.07.10 00.45	Firearm	20
29.	Shavarshavan	12.07.10 02.30	Firearm SVD	3 1
30.	Shavarshavan	12.07.10 02.35	Firearm	3
31.	Shavarshavan	12.07.10 02.40	SVD	5
32.	Shavarshavan	12.07.10 03.00	Firearm	3
33.	Akhdak	13.07.10 11.35-19.00	Firearm PK SVD	65 120 12
34.	Shxta	13.07.10 18.30	Firearm PK SVD	70 110 21
35.	Akhdak	13.07.10 23.00	PK	5
36.	Nerqin Karmirakhbyur	13.07.10 22.15	Firearm	5
37.	Nerqin Karmirakhbyur	14.07.10 00.20	Firearm	3
38.	Bardzruni	13.07.10 21.45	Firearm	15
39.	Bardzruni	13.07.10 22.05	Firearm	3
40.	Barekamavan	14.07.10 20.00	Firearm	1
41.	Aygepar	14.07.10 16.50	Firearm	3
42.	Movses	14.07.10 22.05	Firearm PK SVD	10 7 8
43.	Aygepar	14.07.10 23.05	Firearm	4
44.	Bardzruni	14.07.10 11.35	Firearm	2
45.	Bardzruni	14.07.10 23.05	Firearm SVD	30 1
46.	Chinari	15.07.10 14.30	machine gun 12.7mm	2
47.	Dovegh	15.07.10 20.00	Firearm	9
48.	Berqaber	15.07.10 23.00	Firearm	2
49.	Bardzruni	15.07.10 10.20	Firearm	3
50.	Nerqin Karmirakhbyur	16.07.10 19.20	RPK	6
51.	Navur	16.07.10 20.40	Firearm	11
52.	Bardzruni	16.07.10 21.25	SVD	6
53.	Bardzruni	16.07.10 22.30	SVD PK	9 11
54.	Bardzruni	16.07.10 23.15	SVD	8
55.	Bardzruni	16.07.10 23.35	SVD	7
56.	Dovegh	17.07.10 21.15	Firearm	4
57.	Bardzruni	17.07.10 12.35	SVD PK	1 6

58.	Khachik	17.07.10 21.20	Firearm	1
59.	Bardzruni	19.07.10 22.35	SVD	5
60.	Areni	19.07.10 23.30	Firearm	10
61.	Bardzruni	20.07.10 00.30	SVD Firearm	1 5
62.	Bardzruni	20.07.10 18.05	SVD	4
63.	Bardzruni	20.07.10 21.00	SVD	6
64.	Bardzruni	21.07.10 01.05	PK Firearm	1 5
65.	Berqaber	21.07.10 20.05	Firearm	7
66.	Nerqin Karmirakhbyur	21.07.10 21.35	Firearm	4
67.	Bardzruni	21.07.10 00.15	Firearm SVD	20 8
68.	Bardzruni	21.07.10 00.55	SV - 12.7mm	1
69.	Berqaber	22.07.10 21.40	Firearm	10
70.	Bardzruni	22.07.10 23.10	Firearm SV - 12.7mm	4 3
71.	Dovegh	23.07.10 18.15	SVD	8
72.	Chinari	23.07.10 23.30	SVD	10
73.	Khachik	23.07.10 12.50	Firearm	4
74.	Chinari	24.07.10 19.00	Firearm machine gun 12.7mm SV - 12.7mm	45 30 35
75.	Aygepar	24.07.10 19.15	Firearm	2
76.	Artanish	25.07.10 22.50	Firearm	150
77.	Aygepar	26.07.10 11.40	Firearm	3
78.	Aygepar	26.07.10 18.00-18.30	Firearm	40
79.	Aygepar	26.07.10 18.00-18.30	Firearm	60
80.	Kirats	26.07.10 23.40	RPK	3
81.	Kirats	26.07.10 23.40	RPK	3
82.	Vazashen	27.07.10 04.30	Firearm	20
83.	Kongur	28.07.10 16.00-21.15	Firearm	20
84.	Aygepar	28.07.10 21.30	Firearm	2
85.	Sevqar	29.07.10 00.30	Firearm	15
86.	Voskepar	29.07.10 00.45	Firearm PK	10 20
87.	Vazashen	29.07.10 00.45	Firearm PK	10 60
88.	Vazashen	29.07.10 00.45	Firearm machine gun 12.7mm	10 10

89	Voskepar	29.07.10 19.00	Firearm	3
90	Shavarshavan	29.07.10 22.50	Firearm	8
91	Shavarshavan	30.07.10 00.05	Firearm	1
92	Shavarshavan	30.07.10 00.20	Firearm	2
93	Koti	30.07.10 22.40	Firearm	3
94	Koti	31.07.10 00.05	Firearm	13
95	Aygepar	30.07.10 23.20	Firearm	3
96	Qyaquldagh	31.07.10 01.35	Firearm	3
97	Bardzruni	30.07.10 23.40	Firearm	10
98	Sadarak	30.07.10 23.45	Firearm	15
99	Barekamavan	31.07.10 15.40	Firearm	20
100	Shavarshavan	31.07.10 22.35	Firearm	1
101	Shavarshavan	31.07.10 23.15	Firearm	3
102	Aygepar	31.07.10 23.00	Firearm	4
103	Aygepar	31.07.10 23.00	PK Firearm machine gun 12.7mm	1 3 3
104	Aygepar	31.07.10 23.30	Firearm	3
105	Aygepar	31.07.10 23.30	Firearm	6
106	Aygepar	31.07.10 23.30	Firearm PK	4 4
107	Laligyugh	01.08.10 01.00	Firearm	6
108	Kaputan	01.08.10 14.00-14.30	machine gun 12.7mm	100
109	Shavarshavan	01.08.10 21.45	PK	7
110	Barekamavan	01.08.10 22.45	PK	3
111	Movses	01.08.10 21.30	Firearm	3
112	Movses	02.08.10 01.05	Firearm	3
113	Aygepar	02.08.10 02.30	Firearm	5
114	Berqaber	01.08.10 21.40	Firearm	16
115	Berqaber	01.08.10 22.00	PK Firearm SVD	80 70 10
116	Berqaber	01.08.10 23.15	Firearm	3
117	Berqaber	01.08.10 23.15	PK	5
118	Bardzruni	01.08.10 11.15	SV - 12.7mm	10

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 July to 2 August 2010:

Number of violations — 118

Shots — about 2026 (PK ~ 540, RPK 5.45 mm ~ 22, SVD-152, machine gun 12.7mm ~ 145, sniper weapon 12.7mm — 49, AK ~ 1118).

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the line of contact of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 July to 2 August 2010:

Number of violations — 566

Shots — about 4567 (PK ~ 223, RPK 5.45 mm ~ 9, SVD — 271, machine gun 12.7mm ~ 55, sniper weapon 12.7mm — 37, AK ~ 3927, NSVT 12.7 mm — 45).